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For: THERMAL PROCESSING ROLLER AND	)	
TEMPERATURE CONTROL APPARATUS	)	
FOR ROLLER	)	

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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In an Election/Restriction Requirement dated September 20, 2004, the period for response to which extends through October 20, 2004, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I (claims 1-2 and 15-16), and Group II (claims 3-14 and 17-28). The Examiner further required an election of species between the invention identified in the Office Action as species I (Figs. 1-3), species II (Fig. 4), species III (Fig. 5), species IV (Fig. 6), species V (Fig. 7), species VI (Fig. 8), and species VII (Fig. 9).

Applicants hereby provisionally elect the invention identified in the Office Action as species I (Figs. 1-3), within Group I, for examination. At least claims 1, 2, 15 and 16 are readable on the elected species, within Group I. It is respectfully submitted that at least claim 1 is generic, within Group I. Applicants respectfully request formal examination of this application.

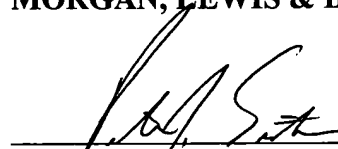
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Respectfully submitted,

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